## REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Title of Publication: 13yolessample\_20.jpg

Other Known Title: Not Stated

Format: Computer Image File Printout

**Director/Author:** Not Applicable

Producer/Publisher: Not Applicable

Country of Origin: Not Stated

Language: Not Applicable

**Applicant:** Commissioner of Police

**Distributor:** Not Applicable

Classification: Objectionable.

**Descriptive Note:** Not Applicable

**Display Conditions:** Not Applicable

**Date of entry in Register:** 11 March 2008

Date of direction to issue a label: Not Applicable

**OFLC No:** 702936

Excisions: Not Applicable

Reasons for excisions:

Not Applicable

Summary of reasons for classification:

The computer image file printout 13 yolessample\_20.jpg is classified as: Objectionable.

The publication is objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes.

The printed image shows two young teenage girls engaged in an adult form of sexual activity. The image is intended for the sexual titillation and arousal of adults and its file format makes it suitable for wide distribution and trading among like-minded individuals. The image encourages viewers to see young persons as sexually desirable and as potential sexual partners for adults. The effect of such material is to validate a sexual interest in young persons and to encourage their sexual exploitation.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's clear intention in s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993. The classification is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that promote and support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes.